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A check in the amount of \$_____ to cover any required fee is enclosed.

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SIR:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the references identified on the attached PTO-1449 form, copies of which are enclosed herewith in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98, be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

I. SUBMITTED FOREIGN PATENT REFERENCES

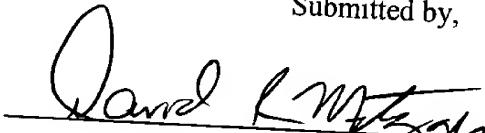
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III. EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

The above-identified cited references relate to various methods stated to provide liquid crystal displays with increased viewing angles.

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